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For: **NETWORK-BASED SERVICE FOR RECIPIENT-INITIATED AUTOMATIC REPAIR OF IP MULTICAST SESSIONS**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5.

Please replace claims 6, 11, and 12 with the following:

6. (Amended) A method for repairing multicast packets in a network carrying multicast packets in a multicast session from a source to a plurality of multicast recipients in that session, comprising:

receiving a request from a recipient's receiver to join a first IP multicast session;
intercepting said request and sending it to a controller in a repair server;
determining from a subscription server whether said recipient has subscribed to a repair service;

receiving a positive response at the controller from the subscription server and determining whether a repair/encryption module exists in the repair server for the first multicast session;

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